



## Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library Community Scholarship

The Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library Community Scholarship program assists deserving students in realizing their educational dreams. The Friends anticipate awarding **two scholarships of \$1,000 each** to students who will attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

### Guidelines

There are five required parts to this application. The first four are to be completed by the applicant. Application packets that are incomplete will not be reviewed. The fifth part of the application (see #5 below) must be completed by an individual who agrees to serve as a reference for the applicant. The application must include ALL of the following to be eligible:

1. Applicant's personal information, including: name, address, telephone number, and email.
2. Applicant's academic information, including: name of high school (indicate if home-schooled);
3. A resume that includes information about activities, honors and awards, participation in school, extracurricular, civic and/or leadership activities, and work experience.
4. The original essay of at least 200 words must be typed double-spaced, and the applicant's name should appear on each numbered page. The essay must address the topic on the application.
5. Applicants must submit **one** letter of recommendation. The letter must be from someone other than a family member who has known the applicant for a sufficient time to be able to comment on his/her character and abilities. Do not submit more than one letter.



## Application Package

The application form and all attachments must be received at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library no later than **March 10, 2023**. Applications MAY NOT be faxed or emailed. Application packages that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Applications should be mailed or taken in person to:

Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library  
Community Scholarship  
475 Moe Road  
Clifton Park, New York 12065

## Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be:

1. Graduating seniors attending Shenendehowa High School  
-OR
2. Graduating seniors living within the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library tax district who are either a) attending another public/private high school or b) home-schooled  
-AND
3. Entering their first year at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the fall of the scholarship year.

## Scholarship Fund Disbursement

1. Scholarships must be used beginning in the fall semester of the scholarship year.
2. Award recipients will be contacted directly by the Awards Committee.
3. The check will be mailed to the student upon receipt by the FOL of documentation of your payment of eligible expenses totaling \$1000.00 or more for tuition, room and board, and/or books.
4. Awards are for one year and are non-renewable.

**Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library  
Community Scholarship**

**2023 Application**

**Part I – Student Information**

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Last Name First Name M.I.

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Street (Permanent Address)

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City State Zip

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Phone Number

Email Address

**Part II – Academics**

Name of High School You Attend \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a Shenendehowa student, do you live within the library tax district?  Yes  No

Expected Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of accredited college/university you **anticipate** attending in the fall.

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**Part III – Resume**

Please provide a resume that includes the following from your high school years only: awards/honors, extra-curricular activities, community/volunteer work, and employment. **Please do NOT include a transcript.**

**Part IV – Essay**

On a separate page(s), please provide a typed essay of **no less than 200 words** on the following:

You have been fortunate to grow up in a community that has a strong library. As you go forward in life, you may live in a city or town that does not have such a resource. It is our hope that you will become an active community member and will be able to be involved with your local library wherever

you live. Write your essay from the following prompt:

**Our community and our country are continually growing more diverse. There seem to be so many things that divide us, but if we are to continue to grow and thrive as a person, a community or a country, we must take advantage of the things that unite us.**

**In our community, the Library functions as a town center and a community gathering place. In what ways can you see the Library acting as a bridge to bring the community together along the lines of unity? What services or programs could the Library provide to foster community unity while still respecting and celebrating the ever-changing diversity of our community?**

Be very specific and use personal examples. Essays will be judged on content **AND** on grammar and punctuation. Proofread your essay carefully, and correct all errors before submission. **DO NOT** rely on auto-correcting features on your devices. **Great weight is put on a carefully written and thoughtful essay.**

### **Part V – Recommendation**

Please provide one letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member, who has known you for a significant period of time and who can comment on your character and abilities.

### **Applicant Signature**

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Signature/ Date

### **Application Packet**

Applicants must complete and submit all parts (I through V) of the application in one packet. Application packets must be received at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library no later than Friday, **March 10, 2023**. Applications MAY NOT be faxed or emailed. Application packets that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be reviewed. Winners will be notified by May 1, 2023. Awards are for one year and are non-renewable.

**Submit application packets to:** Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library  
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Clifton Park, New York 12065

**Questions:** Please contact Michele Gorab, Scholarship Chair, at [michelegorab@gmail.com](mailto:michelegorab@gmail.com)